

REMARKS

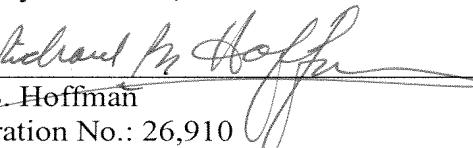
Applicant has now elected Claim Group I (claims 1 through 17 and 21), without traverse. Further, Applicant has withdrawn claims 18 through 20, without prejudice, so as to preserve the right to file future divisional application(s) concerning them, if desired. In the event there are any generic claims ultimately considered allowable, Applicant reserves the right to reinstate any non-elected claims.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed wherewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30071/41842.

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits and timely allowance of the still-pending claims. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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